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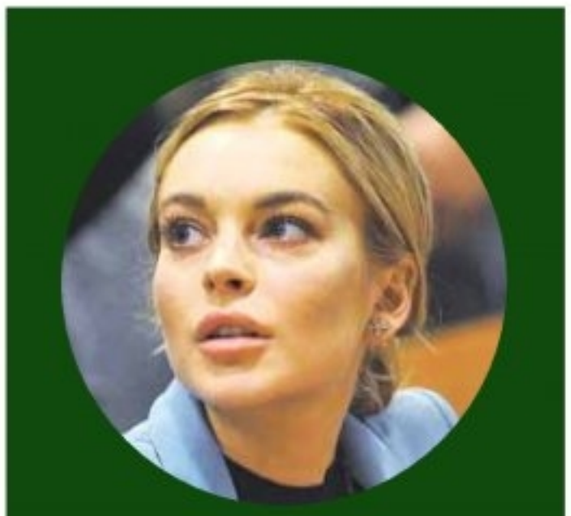

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In the news

Lights out after explosion under Tree

Five thousand people were in the dark Wednesday night after an underground explosion on the 1000 block of Tree Street in South Philadelphia left them without power. Even the streetlights were darkened as PECO worked to restore service around 10:30 p.m. It was restored by midnight. No word yet on what was to blame for the blast. METRO/AW

In the news

Yield to the two-wheelers

A new Pennsylvania law aimed at protecting bicyclists takes effect Monday. The law requires motorists to leave a 4-foot "cushion of safety" when passing a cyclist. Drivers may cross the center lane in order to pass cyclists on the left. Drivers turning left must also yield to cyclists traveling in the opposite direction. METRO

Bolaris back on air, but not on Fox29

PHILADELPHIA. Former Fox 29 meteorologist John Bolaris has taped an episode of 20/20 about his infamous Miami trip during which several women allegedly involved in an Eastern European theft ring drugged him and racked up thousands of dollars in charges on his credit card — twice.

Bolaris recently fielded questions from 20/20 reporters in New York and Miami. The air date of the episode is undetermined.

The suave stormwatcher was let go from Fox for opening up about the incident in a Playboy interview. METRO/AW

▶ Bolaris

Fumo back to court, to sue

PHILADELPHIA. Former state senator and current federal inmate Vincent Fumo is suing a local restaurateur for failing to pay him investment returns,

The Legal Intelligencer reported Thursday.

Fumo reportedly filed two complaints against Andrew Conseza claiming he invested $55,000 in a barbecue spot and $150,000 in a cheesesteak joint at the Philadelphia International Airport, but hasn't seen any returns. METRO/AW

Grocery opens in Brewerytown

BREWERYTOWN. Officials will break ground on Friday for a Bottom Dollar grocery store in The Shops at Brewerytown at 31st and Girard.

The discount chain, which is owned by Delphine America, the parent company of Food Lion, has three other locations in Philadelphia. The new location is expected to create 63 permanent jobs and 78 construction jobs. METRO

DRPA cited for lax oversight, waste

Long-troubled bistate agency in charge of toll bridges, PATCO lambasted for frivolous spending

The Delaware River Port Authority, which runs Philadelphia's toll bridges and PATCO, improperly borrowed to fund a $440 million economic development program while ignoring work on its facilities, an audit found.

Oversight was haphazard, with development projects missing applications and approvals, while the program shifted from loans to outright grants, the audit released Thursday by New Jersey Comptroller Matthew Boxer showed.

Borrowed money went into a social fund that underwrote $10,000 for cocktail hours and carriage rides with lawmakers, while $15,000 paid for three galas, including an "Argentina Night of Tango," the audit shows. The funds spent on groups linked to commissioners and agency executives "largely went to organizations that provided a personal benefit" to authority officials, according to the report.

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Among other frivolous expenditures discovered in the audit, some $10,000 from bridge tolls went toward paying for fancy cocktail hours.

"To state the obvious, commuters who pay to cross the Delaware River every day should not have their toll money used for DRPA officials to enjoy a carriage ride through Philadelphia or a 'night of tango and wine,'" Boxer said in a statement distributed with the report.

The bistate agency, which operates river crossings linking New Jersey and Philadelphia, is funded mainly through tolls on the Ben Franklin, Walt Whitman, Betsy Ross and Commodore Barry bridges, amounting to $248.6 million in 2010. The agency, which also runs the Patco commuter-rail line, raised bridge tolls by $1 to $5 in July to fund a $1 billion capital program.

In 2010, Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell sought tighter controls and the audit at the agency. Republican Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, after taking office in January 2011, replaced six board members and appointed himself the chairman.

Christie, 49, pushed to end toll breaks and car allowances at the agency. The audit showed that authority officials, and in some cases their friends and relatives, were able to avoid more than $1 million in tolls during 10 years after being put on a free-pass program. BLOOMBERG

'Like personal ATM'

PHILADELPHIA. Boxer said his investigation "revealed a history and culture of weak policies, procedures and internal controls that have contributed to wasteful spending and mismanagement."

"We found people who treated the DRPA like a personal ATM, from DRPA commissioners to private vendors to community organizations," Boxer said. "People with connections at the DRPA were quick to put their hand out when dealing with the agency, and they generally were not disappointed when they did." BLOOMBERG

Crime. Airport scare

▶ All flights resumed around 6:30 a.m. Investigators do not believe Picklo is involved in terrorism, police said.

RICARD LARMA/METRO

Arrests for alleged explosives at airport

A 29-year-old man created an explosive incident at the Philadelphia International Airport Thursday. TSA agents stopped Joseph Picklo of Dallas, Pa., at a security checkpoint as he tried to board a United Airlines flight to San Francisco. Picklo had in his backpack two homemade M-80s, a plastic bottle partially filled with a powdery mixture, a test tube filled with powder and a wick and a cigarette lighter, a criminal complaint alleges. METRO

SRC votes to close seven city schools

CENTER CITY. The Philadelphia School Reform Commission voted Thursday to close seven district schools, but E.M. Stanton and Isaac Sheppard elementary schools will remain open.

The closings are part of the School District of Philadelphia's Master Facilities Plan to "right-size" and eliminate 70,000 empty seats in the district as enrollment continues to decline thanks to the expansion of charter schools.

Additional school closings are expected over the next few years.

The closings will affect two elementary schools (Harrison and Drew), two middle schools (George Pepper and Sheridan West Academy) and three high schools (FitzSimons, Rhodes and the School for Business and Technology). METRO/SDL

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Rep. testifies to end statute of limitations for sex-abuse claims

State Rep. Louise Bishop bared her soul in City Council on Thursday while testifying in support of a resolution introduced by Councilman Dennis O'Brien urging Harrisburg to push through legislation that would further protect victims of childhood sex abuse.

"Some years ago — 40 years, perhaps — I lived with my stepfather and 11 other sisters and brothers. I was young and didn't know what was happening to me and didn't really understand it, but every time my stepfather had the opportunity to caress me, feel me or bother me in a way I didn't understand, I didn't know what to do," she said, going on to describe years of abuse and the day she finally confronted her stepfather.

▶ Bishop

"I said to him when he came forward, 'You will never do that again.' He said, 'But I will tell them about the time I did and you said nothing.' I said, 'I was a child. I didn't know how to protect myself, but I know now and you will never touch me again.'"

Bishop said that legislation she introduced providing more safeguards against sexual predators has been languishing in the House Judiciary Committee. Her proposed bills would eliminate the statute of limitation on abuse crimes, require anyone with knowledge of abuse to report it to police rather than to a supervisor and provide for the creation of a state office to handle sex-abuse complaints.

"I ask the House of Representatives to move forward and move those bills out that would allow us to identify [offenders], allow us to arrest them and allow us to put in place treatment for these young people that will never, ever be the same no matter what happens," she said.

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Gambling. Casino opening

▶ The casino in King of Prussia opens 12:01 a.m. Saturday, but a nightclub inside the facility opens 9 p.m. Friday.

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Gambling hits KoP this weekend

After two nights of charity events this week that tested the playability of Pennsylvania's newest casino, the Valley Forge Casino Resort is opening officially this week. The center, with 100,000 square feet total, has 486 hotel rooms and seven restaurants. METRO

Man killed, family tied up in robbery

FAIRHILL. Police are looking for four gunman who shot and killed a man during a home invasion Wednesday night and tied up three other people, including a 6-year-old.

Officers responded to a home on the 2800 block of North Ninth Street shortly before 11 p.m. They found the body of a man, 36, in the rear bedroom of the second floor. He was shot multiple times, including once in the head, and died on the scene.

Victims told police that four armed Hispanic men wearing all dark clothing entered the residence and tied up three other people inside, including a 6-year-old child, causing minor injuries. They fled after taking an unknown amount of cash. METRO

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News in brief

High grades for city's media-savvy

PHILADELPHIA. A University of Illinois Chicago study has ranked Philadelphia's government among the top 10 most social media-savvy in the country.

The study, based on a content analysis of local government websites in the 75 largest U.S. cities, ranked Philadelphia No. 9. The city tied with Louisville, Ky.; Long Beach, Ca. and Sacramento, Ca. Philly jumped eight spots up from 2009, when the school conducted a similar analysis.

Overall, the study found that since 2009, social network adoption by city governments in the country has increased by two to five times. Eighty-seven percent now use Twitter, up from 25 percent in 2011; 87 percent use Facebook as opposed to 13 percent that years, and 75 percent include YouTube links compared to 19 percent. METRO/AW

Eye doctor sees future in jail

PHILADELPHIA. The former chair of Temple University's Ophthalmology Department was sentenced to more than seven years in prison for a $1.8 million health care fraud scheme.

Dr. Joseph Kubacki, 63, of Destin, Fla., was convicted last year of submitting fraudulent claims for patients he did not see between 1996 and 2007. In addition to his sentence, Kubacki must pay $1.5 million in restitution to Temple and patients. METRO/SDL

Walking dogs, listening to tunes just got a lot easier

When you walk through Rittenhouse Square with Matthew Baron and Bodhi, people are going to stare.

No amount of sunbathers or breakdancers or general Philly mayhem can divert attention from a yellow lab wearing a bright blue jacket blasting Darth Vader's theme song.

"What's really interesting is to see how other dogs respond to it at the dog park," says Baron of The Woofer, essentially a dog vest rigged with speakers and an iPod hook-up. "They become the leader of the pack."

While it's an unusual product, The Woofer isn't that unlikely of an invention considering Baron's previous experience in marketing, pet actor casting and audio tinkering.

The result of years of trial and error — the vest not only has fairly impressive sound quality, but also must be comfortable and allow for tidy bathroom breaks — it's veterinarian-approved for dogs 20 pounds or more.

Not to mention humpproof and waterproof:

"If the music stops when it's funniest, you lose the point of the product," Baron said.

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MATTHEW BARON

▶ Bodhi, wearing The Woofer, attracts a lot of attention.

What they're listening to

The types of music you'd hear would probably vary as much as breeds of dog.

- **Bodhi prefers classical tunes** on his walks, and some dog owners have purchased The Woofer to promote their own music or broadcast gospel teachings.
- **But the majority** of customers don't buy it with a playlist in mind at all.
- **"It is, quiet frankly, for people who** want what their neighbors don't have," admits Baron.

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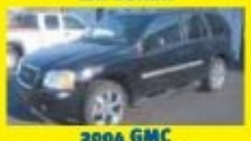
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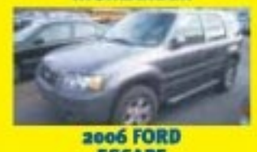
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US autism rates reach new height

About one in 88 children in the United States has autism or a related disorder — the highest estimate to date, U.S. health experts said on Thursday.

The estimate from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention represents an increase of 25 percent since the last analysis, in 2006, and double the reported rate in 2002.

Advocates for people with autism seized on the apparent spike in the prevalence of the disease to call for more research to identify its causes and to call for more services for people affected by it. REUTERS

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About one in 88 children in the United States has autism or a related disorder.

▶ The new autism findings from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are the highest estimate to date.

Pilot. Charged

▶ The Justice Department filed a complaint charging Capt. Clayton Frederick Osbon with interfering with the crew.

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JetBlue pilot charged in meltdown

Authorities filed criminal charges on Wednesday against a JetBlue Airways pilot who witnesses said yelled incoherently about religion and the 2001 hijack attacks and pounded on a locked cockpit door before passengers subdued him in a midair uproar. Flight 191 was diverted to Amarillo, Texas, on Tuesday, following what authorities described as erratic behavior by Capt. Clayton Frederick Osbon. REUTERS

Fourth-quarter income trends up, boost for spending

Household income grew at a faster pace in the fourth quarter than previously thought as the jobs market strengthened, a development that could underpin consumer spending.

The Commerce Department said on Thursday real disposable income rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $11.73 trillion, $10.6 billion more than previously estimated.

While its final estimate left growth in gross domestic product at an unrevised 3 percent pace last quarter, when measured from the income side, the economy expanded at a solid 4.4 percent rate — the quickest since the first quarter of 2010.

Economists said the strong rise in gross domestic income, which followed a 2.6 percent advance in the third quarter, reflected stepped-up hiring. REUTERS

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Obamacare: What's the deal?

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Did you hear that the Supreme Court found Obamacare unconstitutional this week? Well, it didn't. Not yet, at least. The truth is, nobody really knows how the court will rule. But that hasn't stopped plenty of people from declaring the law's individual mandate dead on arrival. We're going to try and cut through some of the bluster and wishful thinking to explain the facts of this very complex political issue.

What about the health care reform law could the court find unconstitutional?
Much of the right-wing celebration this week revolved around harsh questions the court's conservative justices aimed at the government over the law's individual mandate, which forces most people to buy insurance. These justices, who outnumber the more liberal judges 5 to 4 and therefore have the power to squash the law on their own, strongly questioned whether the government's ability to force compulsory coverage would have a "limiting principle."

Um, OK, but what's that mean?
Basically, the justices want to determine what sorts of limits the government has under the Obama administration's interpretation of the law. Specifically they wondered: If the federal government can force everyone to buy insurance, what's to stop them from, say, making everyone buy broccoli.

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▶ Is Obamacare doomed? Maybe. Maybe not. We'll have to wait to find out.

But that's really stupid, right?
Depends on whether you ask liberals or conservatives. Some on the left point out that government already forces citizens to buy all sorts of things, like military weaponry, highways and programs like Medicare and Social Security. And that broccoli is completely different from health insurance, since Congress can, under the necessary and proper clause, force citizens to engage in commerce in order to fix a national hazard. The right sees any such mandate as an overreach of federal powers.

What are federal powers?
The Constitution sets out certain enumerated powers to the government — things the feds can legally do. If it's not in there, they can't do it.

Are we just arguing semantics?
Sort of. One important question is whether the mandate's penalty can be considered a tax. If it is, the law could be constitutional, because Congress has the power to tax in order to promote the general welfare so long as it raises revenue. But some on the right say the law won't do that.

Can a court loss possibly be good for Democrats, liberals and/or President Obama?
Obama, maybe, but that's a hard sell: It's tough to argue that the president could benefit from the court declaring his signature legislative achievement a violation of the country's founding document. It would certainly be, as Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia has put it, "a tremendous validation." On the other hand, there may still be good news for liberals: If the nation loses Obama's health care solution, we'll just need to find a new one — and single-payer, which the left has always preferred, is clearly constitutional.

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WEEKEND

Fight for the 'Throne'

Spoiler alert! With the king dead, all of Westeros claims a right to rule
Here's a look at who wants what in Season 2 of 'Game of Thrones'

Three things ...

... a super fan of the 'GOT' book series demands of Season 2:

As George R.R. Martin and the HBO team take "Game of Thrones" into the next chapter, we present three spoiler-free hopes for the series from a die-hard fan of the books.

1 Battles
Season 1 concluded without much in the way of epic battling, but our heroes may not be so fortunate this time around. If the second book's epic battles play out onscreen, we hope these scenes don't skimp on scale.

2 Daenerys
Our young princess's story weaves carefully throughout the books' chapters. Her appearances in the adaptation ought to be handled with similar care.

3 Universal sympathy
One of the most thrilling aspects of the books is the way Martin's prose leaves the line between good and evil mostly ambiguous. As the TV series goes forward, it will be important for its producers to maintain this balance — rather than reverting to the tired tropes of Very Bad vs. Exceptionally Good.

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"Game of Thrones" premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. on HBO.

House Lannister

TYRION "THE IMP"

Everyone's favorite character is now the Hand of the King, the man with all the power. He schemes for a way to protect the throne, while also falling in love.

JAIME

Still held captive by Robb, he misses his sister, in more ways than one.

CERSEI

She loves Jaime, but spends much of Season 2 fighting Tyrion for power.

JOFFREY

Current King of the Seven Kingdoms. Even though he's just a boy, this ass sits back torturing people while Tyrion protects his throne.

House Baratheon

ROBERT (RIP)

After his death, he unknowingly leaves no clear, rightful heir because his children are not his. As a result, civil war breaks out.

RENLY

Youngest brother of former King Robert, he's openly challenging his nephew's right to the throne. Wait in line, pal!

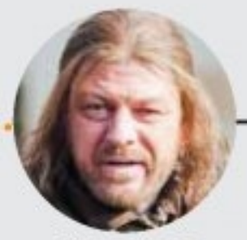
STANNIS

The oldest Baratheon brother, he also declares himself King of Westeros, egged on by Melisandre, a priestess with magical powers.

House Stark

CATELYN

Her husband dead, the Lady of Winterfell tries to team up with the Baratheon brothers to battle the Lannisters for the kingdom. Soon, she's accused of murder.



EDDARD "NED" (RIP)

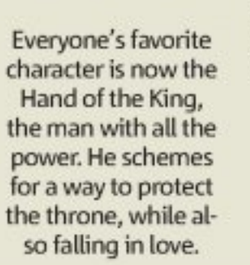
Lord of Winterfell, our hero, became Hand of the King — and then by all rights King, until Prince Joffrey declared him traitorous and had him beheaded in a Season 1 shocker.

JON SNOW

The bastard child of Eddard infiltrates the wildings behind The Wall and gets lucky.

THEON GREYJOY

Once ward to Eddard and pals with Robb, he now questions his loyalty. Violently.



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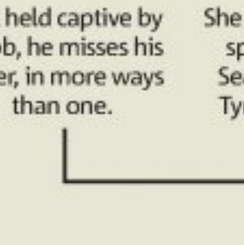
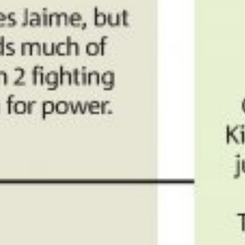
While his family's away fighting, his dreams may hold the secret to their destiny.



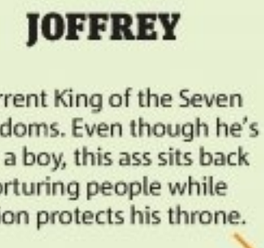
SANSA

Betrothed to Joffrey, the kid who killed her father, she secretly prays Robb will take the throne.



ARYA

Hiding out, the tomboy makes a powerful new friend who kills for her.



ROBB

His dad dead, he believes he has a right to the throne and starts a war.

Key

- Vying for the throne
- Married
- Offspring
- Siblings
- Lovers

House Targaryen

DAENERYS

Daenerys, aka Dany, aka The Stormborn, wants the throne. Owning three dragons will help.

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▶ Worthington returns as the half-god, half-man Perseus — and this is a good thing, he swears.

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another 'Titans'

But don't worry, says star Sam Worthington — this one will be better than the first The actor talks 3-D done right and minotaur smackdowns

Sam Worthington isn't afraid to express how he feels about "Clash of the Titans": "I've been in the 3-D movie that was the most revered and the most slighted," he says, referencing his monster hit, "Avatar," and the original "Titans" film, which now has a sequel.

Worthington returns in "Wrath of the Titans" as Perseus, out to save his dad Zeus (Liam Neeson) from the evil Hades (Ralph Fiennes) and the god of war Ares (Edgar Ramirez).

Worthington assures us, despite being a "p—y actor," this new film is better than the first.

Why are people still into the Greek gods today?

I just feel that they deal with big themes like destiny and responsibility and these family values that are still relevant to us today. That's why you go with these mythological tales or Shakespeare or these other big folklore tales that have survived, because we can find relevance in them in our own society.

Did you sustain any injuries on set?

I don't like talking about that. I've got mates that play rugby, so they think I'm a p—y actor, so I don't ever talk up what happens to me. A couple of bruises, but that's the nature of this type of film. That's just by investing yourself in these weird action scenes where you are fighting a guy in a green suit.

Do you think 3-D is overexposed at this point? How do you get audiences to pay the extra price for it?

Make it good. Make it good. Jim [Cameron] has drilled 3-D into my head and what the complexities of it are and how it can be utilized. Definitely on this, one of the first things me and [director Jonathan Liebesman] discussed was how are you going to come in to shoot it? Are you going to shoot it in 3-D? If you convert it, are you going to have a stereoscopic guy on set the whole time? Because I don't want to be wearing the f—king brunt in a situation like this when it comes to 3-D, which in a way is out of my hands. But if used correctly, I've always said, it can draw you into a world.

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His favorite scene

"Mine's the minotaur [gestures to shirt bearing an image of a minotaur]," he says of the nasty beastie that kicks his ass. "I just liked it because it was a brutal fight, like UFC. I just thought, that's something different. I was getting a bit over the heroes who have big six packs and do stylized action scenes. That was to me the trump card of saying, 'I want to go back to the movies I grew up watching where the hero got beaten up — the gunslinger who's a bit rusty and cops a lot of hits."

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▶ Mireille Enos stars in "The Killing."

'The Killing'

DRAMA. Viewers of this series deserve an Emmy for Most Patient Audience after slogging through the emotionally taxing case of young Rosie Larsen's brutal murder in Season 1, only to be led astray by yet another red herring in the season finale, leaving the case unsolved. Though well acted, this slow-moving, rain-soaked drama is depression manifested. At least this time around, AMC has actually promised some closure for Rosie's family — and fans — by declaring the murder will be solved in Season 2. **Season premiere, Sunday, 8 p.m., AMC**

'Masterpiece Classic'

MINISERIES. Will audiences show this "Masterpiece" adaptation of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations" the same love they offered British period drama "Downton Abbey"? Even if they're not yet familiar with the mentally unhinged Miss Havisham, portrayed here with haunted iciness by Gillian Anderson, this two-part film is poised to garner its own set of awed fans. **Miniseries premiere, Sunday, 8 p.m., PBS**

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▶ Lily Collins plays a Snow White who isn't your typical damsel in distress. "Mirror Mirror" opens Friday.

"Mirror Mirror" is a delightful take on the classic Snow White tale, with enough integrity to keep the story rooted in its origins but just the right touch of modern flourishes to add excitement.

Julia Roberts is devilishly good as The Queen, whose hatred for her own stepdaughter sets the story in motion. Lily Collins brings an innocent, ethereal quality to the role of Snow White — and she's self-sufficient enough to prove that this isn't your standard damsel-in-distress story. Armie Hammer is dashing as Prince Charming, a role he was practically born to play. The cast is rounded out by a boisterous Nathan Lane as The Queen's servant and a group of fiercely talented little men as the seven dwarves, whose personalities shine far beyond the one-word names we've been given in previous incarnations of this story.

Tarsem Singh's vision plays out remarkably well through lavish scenery (a sumptuous castle perched atop a cliff, a forest bathed in snow) and opulent costumes, hair and makeup that echo the style of Capitol residents in "The Hunger Games." The story itself is unique, and it's sprinkled with humor that both adults and kids will enjoy (one particularly humorous scene takes us through The Queen's beautification routine). Though hijinks ensue, battles are fought and the poison apple makes its expected appearance, this version of "Snow White" adds depth and charm previously unseen by the PG crowd.

If you go

'Mirror Mirror'
Director: Tarsem Singh
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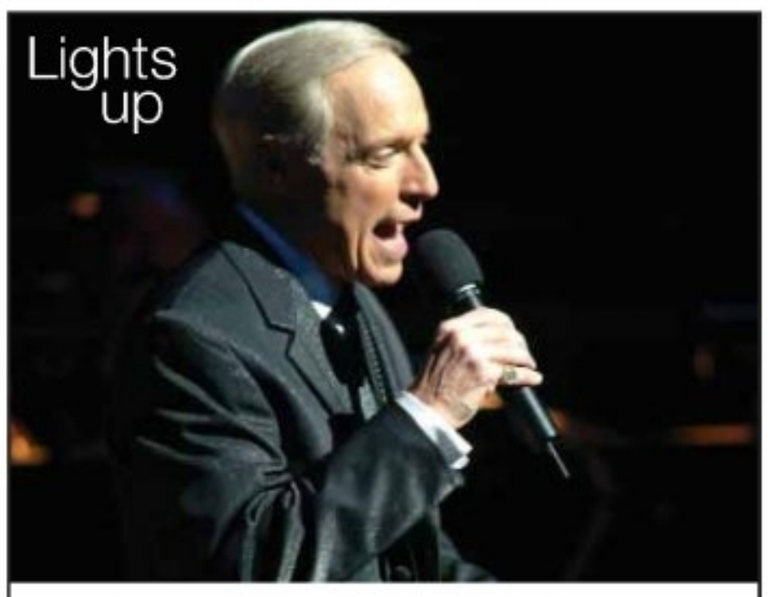

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ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri and Sat 10:40, 1:25, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55, 12:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-1:25-4:25-7:10-9:55. Digital Presentation
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) Fri and Sat 10:00, 12:25, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:35, 12:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:25-3:10-5:35-8:00-10:35. Digital Presentation
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 10:45, 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00, 11:30. RealD 3D; Sun 10:45-1:30-4:10-6:40-9:00. RealD 3D
GOON (NR) Fri and Sat 11:45, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20, 12:45,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Projection; Sun 11:45-2:20-5:10-7:45-10:20,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Projection
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:55, 10:25, 11:00, 12:10, 12:45, 1:20, 1:55, 2:30, 3:35, 4:15, 4:50, 5:25, 6:00, 7:05, 7:50, 8:20, 8:55, 9:30, 10:40, 11:15, 11:50, 12:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:55-10:25-11:00-12:10-12:45-1:20-1:55-2:30-3:35-4:15-4:50-5:25-6:00-7:05-7:50-8:20-8:55-9:30-10:15. Digital Presentation
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) 3:05, 8:25.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 9:55, 4:00, 10:15. Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) 12:55, 7:00. RealD 3D
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 10:20, 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45. RealD 3D; Sun 10:20-12:45-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:35. RealD 3D
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri and Sat 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 4:40, 5:45, 6:30, 7:20, 8:30, 9:05, 10:00, 11:20, 12:10, 12:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-11:15-12:15-1:00-2:00-3:00-3:45-4:40-5:45-6:30-7:20-8:30-9:05-10:00. Digital Presentation
PROJECT X (R) Fri and Sat 11:10, 1:35, 4:00, 6:15, 8:35, 10:55. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-1:05-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:30. Digital Presentation
SAFE HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 12:05, 5:30, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:05-5:30-10:35. Digital Presentation
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50. Digital Presentation
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WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:35-1:10-4:05-6:50-9:20. Digital Presentation
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) Fri 10:05, 12:35, 3:25, 6:10, 8:40, 11:40. RealD 3D; Sat 10:05-11:40. RealD 3D
WRATH OF THE TITANS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10, 12:45. IMAX 3D; Sun 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:35-10:10. IMAX 3D

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21 JUMP STREET (R) Fri and Sat 9:55, 11:30, 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 7:45, 9:10, 10:30, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:55-11:30-12:45-2:15-3:30-5:00-6:15-7:45-9:10-10:30. Digital Presentation
ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri and Sat 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15. Digital Presentation
CASA DE MI PADRE (R) 12:00, 5:00, 9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation;Spanish Language
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) Fri and Sat 10:00, 12:35, 2:55, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:35-2:55-5:35-8:10-10:35. Digital Presentation
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GOON (NR) Fri and Sat 9:35, 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05, 12:30,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Projection; Sun 9:35-12:05-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Projection
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:50, 10:45, 11:40, 12:25, 1:10, 1:45, 2:40, 3:25, 4:10, 4:45, 5:20, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:20, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:50-10:45-11:40-12:25-1:10-1:45-2:40-3:25-4:10-4:45-5:20-6:15-7:00-7:45-8:20-9:15-9:45-10:30. Digital Presentation
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) Fri and Sat 9:40, 2:20, 7:25, 12:10,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:40-2:20-7:25,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 10:00, 4:10, 10:25. Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) 1:05, 7:15. RealD 3D
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MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri and Sat 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11:20, 12:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-10:30-11:30-12:30-1:30-2:30-3:40-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30. Digital Presentation
OCTOBER BABY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:40, 1:20, 4:15, 6:50, 9:45, 12:25.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-1:20-4:15-6:50-9:45,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
PROJECT X (R) 10:05, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00, 10:25. Digital Presentation
SAFE HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 10:10, 1:10, 4:05, 6:55, 10:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-1:10-4:05-6:55-9:50. Digital Presentation
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:45, 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:45-12:15-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:15,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Fri 10:55, 1:15, 3:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:30-1:15-3:50,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
CHRONICLE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 6:15, 8:20, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 6:15-8:20. Digital Presentation
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri and Sat 11:50, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50,C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00. RealD 3D; Sun 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-10:40. RealD 3D
WRATH OF THE TITANS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 12:15, 3:15, 6:00, 9:00, 11:50. IMAX 3D; Sun 9:30-12:15-3:15-6:00-9:00. IMAX 3D

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JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) 4:50-7:20-9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) Fri 10:55, 11:45, 12:15, 1:00, 2:00, 2:55, 3:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:15, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:00-10:45-11:45-12:15-1:00-2:00-2:55-3:40-4:10-5:10-6:15-7:00-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:15-10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-10:45-11:45-12:15-1:00-2:00-2:55-3:40-4:10-5:10-6:15-7:00-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:00. Digital Presentation
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) Fri 11:55, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40. RealD 3D; Sat and Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40. RealD 3D
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) Fri 12:25, 2:50. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 9:55-12:25-2:50. Digital Presentation
WANDERLUST (R) Fri and Sat 5:20, 7:50, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 5:20-7:40-10:00. Digital Presentation
WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) Fri 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:00, 10:40. RealD 3D; Sat 10:15-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:00-10:40. RealD 3D; Sun 10:15-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:00. RealD 3D

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Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat 9:45-12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15.; Sun 9:45-12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45.
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) Fri 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00. RealD 3D; Sat 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00. RealD 3D; Sun 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15. RealD 3D

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ALBERT NOBBS (R) 1:30
HEAD (PG) Fri 11:30
LOONEY TUNES SHORTS (NR) Sat 11:00
MOON CHILD (LA PERMISSION DE MINUIT) (NR) Sat 11:00
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sun 1:30-4:00-7:00.
SEPARATION (NR) Fri and Sat 4:00, 7:00; Sun 4:00.
TALK CINEMA (NR) Sun 10:00
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN (R) Fri and Sat 9:30; Sun 7:00.

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610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
21 JUMP STREET (R) Fri 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat and Sun 12:10-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00.
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) Fri 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat and Sun 12:30-2:40-4:45-7:00-9:30.
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) Fri 3:30, 6:40, 9:50; Sat and Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50.
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; Sat and Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:40.
WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) Fri 5:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions &;Digital Projection; Sat and Sun 12:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions &;Digital Projection
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) Fri 7:15, 9:45; Sat and Sun 2:30-5:00-7:15-9:45.

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610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:20; Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:20.; Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45.
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:30.; Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15.
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:25. Digital Projection; Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:25. Digital Projection; Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00. Digital Projection

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30.; Sun 2:00-4:30-7:00.

Narberth Stadium 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) Fri 4:05, 7:20, 10:25; Sat and Sun 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:25.
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) Fri 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:25-7:10-9:35.

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800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
21 JUMP STREET (R) 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:50, 6:50, 7:55, 9:40, 10:45
AGENT VINOD (NR) 11:55, 3:20, 6:55, 10:25
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 11:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:10, 3:45, 5:25, 7:05, 7:40, 9:45
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:55. RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11:20, 12:10, 12:35, 1:00, 1:20, 1:35, 2:00, 2:40, 3:00, 3:25, 4:10, 4:40, 5:00, 5:20, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:15; 8:35-9:20-9:50-10:05-10:20-10:35-10:50.
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:35
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 12:50, 4:05, 7:35, 10:40
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11:25, 1:55, 4:20
KAHAANI (NR) 10:10
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 11:50, 1:10, 1:45, 2:30, 3:55, 4:30, 5:15, 6:40, 7:20, 8:05, 9:25, 10:00, 10:40
PROJECT X (R) 4:25, 10:55. Digital Projection
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 12:15, 9:30
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:35, 1:50, 4:15
WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11:30, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 12:00, 1:25, 2:35, 4:00, 5:10, 6:35, 7:50, 9:15, 10:30. RealD 3D

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1011 W Ridge Pike
21 JUMP STREET (R) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 1:10, 1:50, 3:40, 4:20, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 2:30, 5:00. RealD 3D
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 1:00, 1:40, 3:50, 4:30, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20
PROJECT X (R) 7:50, 10:15
SAFE HOUSE (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
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TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20

Ritz 5 Movies
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214 Walnut Street
DELICACY (LA DELICATESSE) (NR) Fri 1:15, 3:50, 7:25, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:15-3:50-7:25-9:50.
FOOTNOTE (HEARAT SHULAYIM) (PG) Fri 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sat and Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:00.
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Sat 2:40-5:05-7:35-9:55.; Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:35-9:55.
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:00-4:15-7:15-9:50.
A SEPARATION (JODAEIYE NADER AZ SIMIN) (PG-13) Fri 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat and Sun 12:45-4:00-7:00-9:40.

Ritz East
215-925-7900
2nd Street between Walnut and Chestnut
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Fri 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:00-7:00-9:30.
JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) Fri 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat 1:00-3:15-5:15-7:30-9:45.; Sun 1:00-3:15-5:15-9:45.

Ritz at the Bourse
215-925-7900
400 Ranstead Street
CORIOLANUS (R) Fri 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:35; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:50-7:00-9:35.
CRAZY HORSE (NR) Fri 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:50-6:40-9:30.
GOON (NR) Fri 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-9:45.
JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI (PG) Fri 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:20-3:25-5:30-7:30-9:50.
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN (R) Fri 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:00-7:10-9:40.

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2023 Sansom Street
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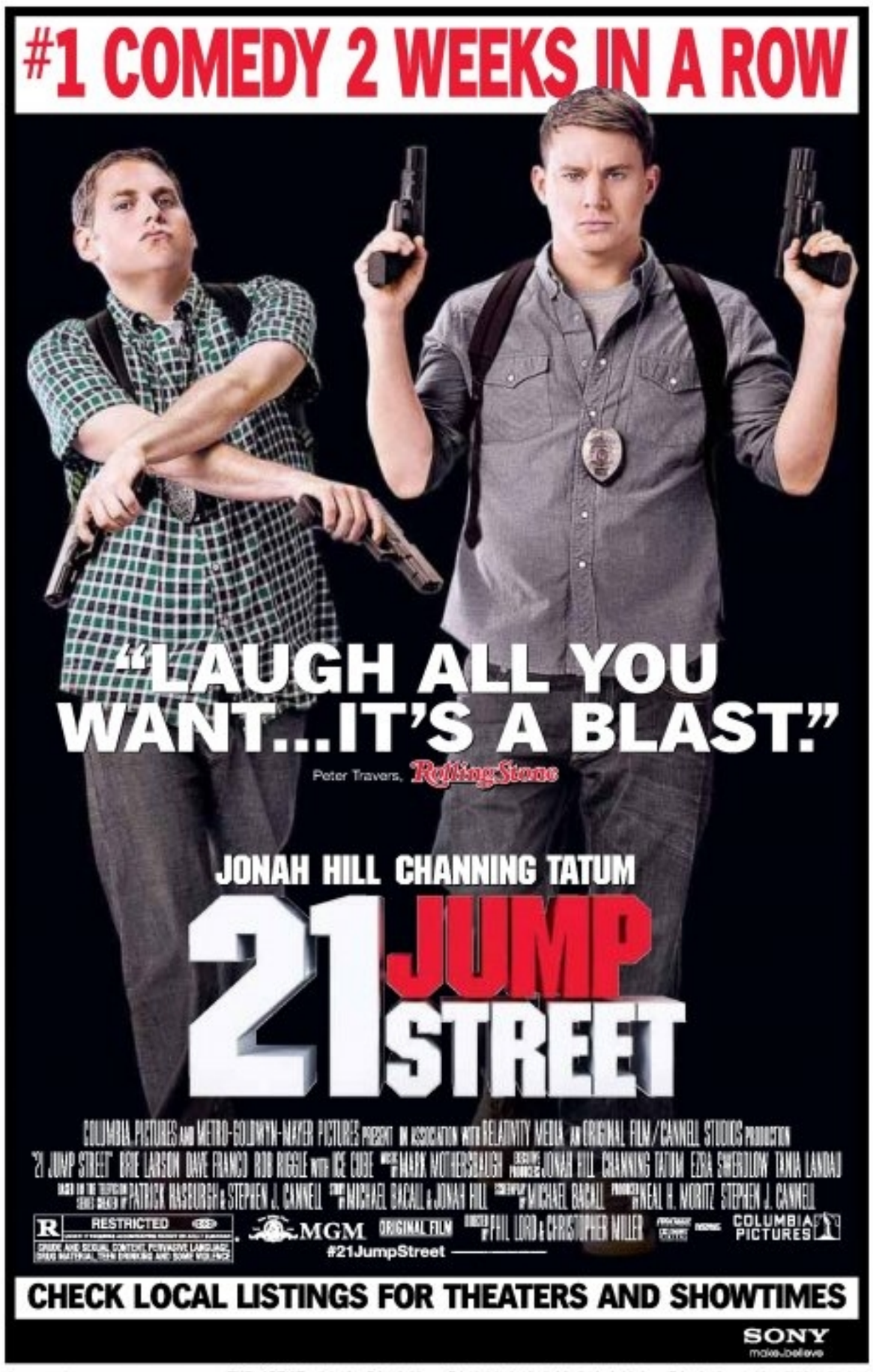
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Bruce Springsteen rocked the Wells Fargo Center on Wednesday with the help of a 17-member entourage

When Bruce Springsteen first crossed the river and played his first show around Philly — October 1972 in West Chester, opening for Cheech and Chong — he showed up with a four-man band that didn't even have a name yet. Wednesday night, he hit the stage at the Wells Fargo Center with an army of musicians 17 strong: the core E Street Band, two backing singers, a percussionist and a five-piece horn section.

The expanded band is thrilling and brings a normally exciting Springsteen set to new heights of intensity. The horn section gives heft and muscle to both new material like "Death to My Hometown" and old favorites, even tearing through late saxophonist Clarence Clemons' short "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" solo in unison. Everett Bradley's extra percussion plays off Max Weinberg's drums nicely, and the two even treated the crowd to a drum battle toward the end of "Does This Bus Stop at 82nd Street?"

With a larger band, though, comes more room for something to go wrong. There were a few points in the night where a song almost went off the rails, though it isn't clear if this was because of musician error or sound issues with the band's monitors. Out in the crowd, there were certainly sound system problems, and harsh spikes of feedback — a rarity at Springsteen shows — cropped up here and there throughout the night.

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Highlights from Wednesday's show

"Seaside Bar Song"
A Bo Diddley-inspired rager, it's the best tune anyone ever cut from an album.

"Atlantic City"
Last heard in Philadelphia in 2005, it made a welcome return.

"Easy Money"
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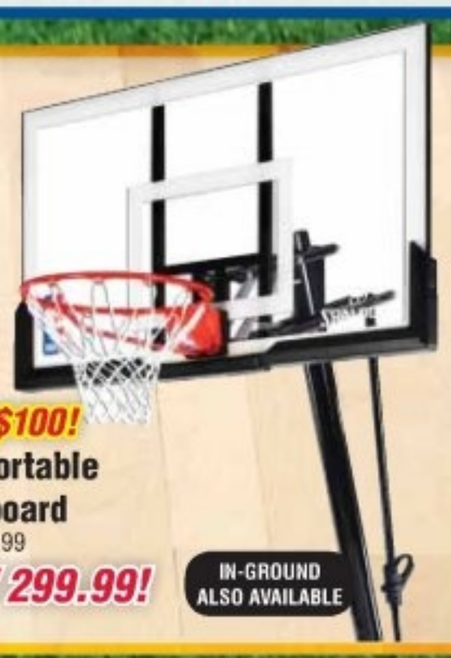

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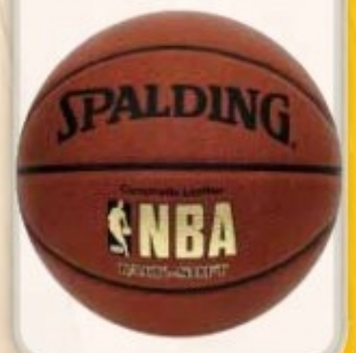

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His solution starts at home. Lahey took his famous and simple no-knead bread-making technique and applied it to pizza dough for his second book, "My Pizza." Included are popular recipes from his restaurant — such as the cheesy Stracciatella Pie and spinach-heavy Popeye Pie — which he hopes will make the pizza process more accessible to home cooks.

"I'm not against fast food. It's part of our culture. I think there's a place for things to eat on the quick," says Lahey. "But, if you can make a better [product] than you can buy, then perhaps [it will force restaurants] to step up their game."

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Weekend recipe

Margherita Pie

Ingredients

- **1** ball of pizza dough shaped and waiting on a floured peel (get Lahyey's dough recipe on www.metro.us)
- **70** grams (¼ cup) basic tomato sauce
- **70** grams (2¼ ounces) fresh mozzarella, pulled into five clumps
- **10** grams (3 tablespoons) finely grated parmigiano-reggiano cheese
- Pinch of fine sea salt
- **6** basil leaves, or to taste

Directions

1 Put the pizza stone on a rack in a gas oven about 8 inches from the broiler. Preheat the oven on bake at 500°F for 30 minutes. Switch to broil for 10 minutes.

"I love the format. I love making food with bread. I like the idea that the bread is the plate, you know? The flat bread is in a way a canvas and your ingredients represent the palette, the color."
LAHEY, ON WHY HE ENJOYS MAKING PIZZA

2 With the dough on the peel, spoon the sauce over the surface and spread it evenly, leaving about an inch of the rim untouched. Distribute the mozzarella evenly over the pie.

3 With quick, jerking motions, slide the pie onto the stone. Broil for three and a half to four minutes under gas (somewhat longer with an electric oven), until the top is bubbling and the crust is nicely charred — but not burnt.

4 Using the peel, transfer the pizza to a tray or serving platter. Sprinkle the parmigiano-reggiano and salt evenly over the pizza. Distribute the basil on top. Slice and serve immediately.

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Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget
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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Board Room – Mezzanine Level, 1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Delaware County Court House, Government Center Building, County Council Meeting Room – 1st Floor, 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063, Thursday, April 19, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
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Bucks County Free Library, Pearl Buck Room, 150 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901, Friday, April 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
West Chester Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 401 E. Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380, Friday, April 20, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
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TOBIN ROTHLEIN

▶ Dana Dlugosz performs in Miller Rothlein's debut, "Still Life."

For more than a decade, Amanda Miller and Tobin Rothlein have combined movement with a variety of other media, from video to visual art to live performance and even quantum physics. Since founding Miro Dance Theatre in 2004, the name has come to seem ever more inadequate to describe what the company does. So this weekend, they'll reemerge as Miller Rothlein with a new show, "Still Life: just under 42 very small performances and installations."

"We started to see our work really blossom and exist outside the confines of the dance world," Miller explains. "I feel like this is the iteration of the company that we've been working towards for the past 13 years. It allows us to take ownership of all the projects that we do and not have to figure out if it fits into the framework of the company."

"Still Life," as the lengthy subtitle suggests, consists of several miniature performances and video installations, performed in an immersive gallerylike setting. "I think it's a good introduction because it shows the new edges of the company," Rothlein says of the piece. "The main concept is looking at that old-fashioned idea of having a painting on your wall that's supposed to represent something beautiful, and applying that to the areas we explore that are hard to depict pictorially."

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▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Dina Lohan is fed up with deadbeats, Chris Rock feels like he's standing out, Yoko Ono wants to you see what you're missing and Albert Brooks isn't enjoying the health care debate.

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Why is it so hard for a parent to do the right thing and pay child support without a war ? Dead beats hmmmmmm

@chrisrock
I'm thinking about starting a company called only black guy in first class productions

@yokoono
Lift your eyes again and look around you, and you will see that the sky doesn't end just up there, it comes all the way down to the ground!

@AlbertBrooks
I wonder how the Supreme Court would vote if they didn't have the world's best health plan.

Rock

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

– Dorothy Robinson will return on Monday.

▶ More Ron Burgundy? That's kind of a big deal.

It's official: Ron Burgundy lives

Just when every bro in your life finally stopped quoting "Anchorman," **Will Ferrell** — in character as Ron Burgundy, no less — stopped by **Conan** on Wednesday night to announce the sequel.

"I want to announce this to everyone here in the Americas," he told the audience. "To my friends, in Spain, Turkey and the U.K., including England — as of 0900 Mountain Time, Paramount Pictures and myself, Ronald Joseph Aaron Burgundy, have come to terms on a sequel for 'Anchorman.'"

If we must: Someone pass the scotchy scotch scotch.

Give them one more night

Is '90s boy band **98 Degrees** considering a reunion? There's no word yet, but they have mysteriously updated their long out-of-date website, notes UsMagazine.com (who were the ones stalking 98 Degrees' website — not us).

Guys, we've said it before and we'll say it again: Just because the **Backstreet Boys** are doing it doesn't mean it's a good idea.

Lohan is back on the streets

For the first time in recent history, **Lindsay Lohan** is not on probation, in jail or falling out of a car. At a hearing Thursday afternoon, Judge **Stephanie Sautner** — who has, historically, not been a fan of Lohan or her courtroom circus — ended the actress' formal probation after agreeing that her community service was successfully completed.

In return, Lohan is required to obey all laws — even the annoying ones that we nonfamous people abide by — for two and a half years. "I know it's kind of hard when people are following you all over the place, but that's the life you chose," said Sautner. "I'm not going to give a lecture, because you know what you need to do. You need to live your life in a more mature way. Stop the nightclubbing and focus on your work."

Or focus on a Magic Eye — anything should do at this point, Linds. We're proud of you, and we're canceling your standing Monday gossip reservation.

▶ Lindsay Lohan is a free(ish) woman.

Where's Lohan to next?

Canada, it seems. Her upcoming **Elizabeth Taylor** movie is shooting in Toronto, and she's been granted a Canadian work permit, reports TMZ.

Thanks, Canada! Now, we don't suppose we could interest you in some **Kardashians**, could we?

Talking points

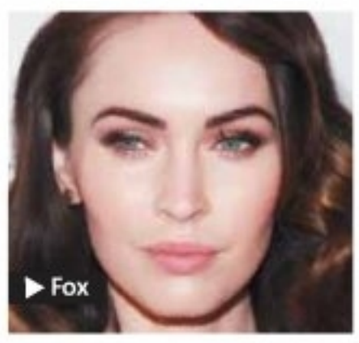
Was Brand cheating on Perry?

It's unclear what caused the sudden split between **Katy Perry** and **Russell Brand**, but Perry's pals apparently think the British comedian was being unfaithful. One of her friends, actor Jonathan Schaech, posted on Twitter, "Cheating is easy, try doing something challenging and be faithful," and the post was retweeted by another friend of Perry, jewelry designer Markus Molinari, who added his own comment: "Seeee Russell!"

▶ Facinelli

'Twilight' star files for divorce

"Twilight" star **Peter Facinelli** officially filed for divorce from **Jennie Garth** this week, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to People magazine. "I was very resistant. I didn't want it to happen. It took me some time to come to peace with it," Garth tells the magazine about the divorce. "I've gone though my darkest parts and I'm coming out of it. I'm OK. I don't know what the future holds, but then I've never been a planner. And maybe that's a good thing." Coincidentally, the two have a reality TV show debuting next month, and their divorce will reportedly be a major plot point.


▶ Fox

Surprise! It's fun to look like Megan Fox

Don't hate **Megan Fox** because she's beautiful. The "Friends with Kids" star feels right at home with her striking looks. "I live well with my image. I cannot complain. I would not trade my place with an unattractive girl," she tells French magazine Jalouse. Of course, Fox might not be aware of exactly how the rest of the world sees her: "I hate taking pictures," she says. "I never look at them, otherwise I would have to change everything. I prefer not to see any and trust the photographer, who knows his job."

Brown charged with DUI

After being pulled over for using his phone behind the wheel and subsequently being arrested, **Bobby Brown** has been formally charged with driving under the influence, according to TMZ. **Whitney Houston**'s ex-husband reportedly had a blood alcohol level of .12 at the scene, sources say. But Brown's lawyer, **Tiffany Feder**, doesn't want anyone rushing to judgment. "Everyone is innocent until proven guilty, and Mr. Brown was not driving erratically," she says. "He was speaking on his cell phone."

The beautiful people — and cake

1. There are a lot of pictures of **Jason Biggs** reliving his apple pie moment at the "American Reunion" premiere — but this one, by far, is the most desperate.

2. Thursday in Rome, Italian actress **Claudia Pandolfi** stepped out in a dress that we would trade the souls of our interns for.

3. Australian cutie (and actor, singer, songwriter) **Barry Conrad** had some fun at a photo shoot in Sydney on Thursday.

4. "Harry Potter" stars **Tom Felton, Warwick Davis, Evanna Lynch** and **Rupert Grint** helped launch "The Making Of Harry Potter" on Thursday in London.

5. Nick Jonas — and, more importantly, a gigantic cake — attended the "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" Broadway party on Wednesday evening.

6. Trampolinist (yes, it's a job, and it's way more fun than yours) **Max Calaf Seve** got some air at a preview performance of the NoFit State Circus in the U.K. on Thursday.

7. Mark Ruffalo and **Melanie Laurent** were looking all famous and glowy at a screening of "The Adopted" at NYC's Soho Grand Hotel on Wednesday night.

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Party politics claim another debate

RE: "DEMOCRATS VOTERS FOR WARS, TAX CUTS TOO!": Igor Mannikus now blames the Democrat-controlled Congress circa '07-'09 for our budget problems. Well, which is it, Igor: Congress or the president? Or it is just all Democrats? I make no excuses for Obama; he's acted more like a conservative than a liberal, so I'm no fan. But one thing I do know is partisan garbage when I see it. I've said it before, I'll say it again: You cut spending in times of plenty when it's virtually painless, not in hard times like now. Today people need help and the government is the only entity that can provide it at the moment. You don't go on a diet when you're already sick! **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Hans Haugen thinks we should keep and spend our money however we wish. Fine, he can pay for his own police, military, clean water, nonpoisonous food, nonlethal drugs, legal system, interstate highways, railroads, weather service and the other 10,000 things we depend on the government to provide.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

"Why are we trying so hard to prevent Iran and North Korea from obtaining nuclear capabilities?"

RE: "TRAYON MARTIN: DON'T BLAME GUNS": The tired old argument used by pro-gun folks that the absence of tough gun laws will deter violent crime (criminals will be less likely to attack someone if they believe that person might possibly be armed as well) stretches credibility to the limit. Seriously?! Well then, elevating your deeply flawed argument to the global level, why are we trying so hard to prevent Iran and North Korea from obtaining nuclear capabilities? Shouldn't we instead be scrambling to make sure that every war lord in every banana republic on the planet has a bomb in order to end the specter of nuclear Armageddon?
JAMES DONZY, VIA E-MAIL

Arguments that gun control is impossible are wildly inaccurate. England, for example, has strict gun-control legislation and less than 5 percent of the death-by-firearm (per capita!) than the United States. Additionally, a claim that someone intent on killing will simply choose another method when a gun isn't available is intellectually dishonest. Killing by gun requires no more than a thought to pull a trigger.
THOMAS S. FERRUGIA, VIA E-MAIL

President Obama on trial for the truth

RE: "QUIT PLACING BLAME, RIGHT-WING EDITION": It's true, President Obama does blame former President Bush for things that are the former president's fault, as they will be in perpetuity. But as to Mr. Minkin's main point, why would Obama feel the need to tread cautiously in the reboot of Russo-American relations? Simply because there are people looking to turn everything he does into an attack? Simply because there are people who claim disinclination toward blaming the president and yet instantly read malevolence into what is, it must be admitted, a pretty ambiguous statement?
MARC BESCHLER, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** People you'll be dealing with will be just as anxious to protect their interests as you are to protect your own. Don't expect any concessions.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** The longer you weigh something, the more you are likely to be affected by a case of paralysis. Besides, your first evaluation is apt to be accurate.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Provided you are as good in the final stretches as you are during your opening gambit, your chances for acquisition look reasonably possible. Hopefully, your material motivation will be strong enough.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Being able to accurately assess matters will not be your problem today. Your headache is likely to come from a failure to act in accordance with your better judgment.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you'll be reasonably astute at judging commercial matters, you might not be quite as shrewd when doing business with others. As the saying goes: "Keep your powder dry."

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't make promises to a friend requesting a favor unless you truly mean it. This person will be counting on you, and if you renege, hard feelings will come of it.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Someone who had no hand in what you accomplished lately might attempt to take the credit for all of your efforts. Set the record straight immediately, so she or he won't try again.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you stand by without intervening, you will be judged by some bad opinions being expressed by friends. When you're not in accord with their views, make your position known.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Put the interests of your family or loved ones above all others, especially when you are placed in the awkward position of having to make a choice. No one should be more important than your kin.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Just because certain morals by which you abide are unpopular with some of your peers, it's no reason to dilute or lower your standards just to fit in.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You might not receive everything to which you're entitled if you fail to stand up for your rights. Think about it: If you're timid, louder personalities will take over the spotlight.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When it comes to involvements where teamwork is essential, be sure to link up only with those who can pull their own weight. You'll fail if you're harnessed with weaklings.
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When Byron Hatfield was looking to establish his theater-in-a-bar comedy "Bye Bye Liver" in Philadelphia, he knew he'd have plenty of material to work with. The sketch show — which kicked off in Chicago but now has satellite productions across the country — pokes fun at sloppy bar culture, something this city doesn't lack. "One of the great things about Philadelphia is that it's a straight-up drinking town — you take your date to a bar here," says Hatfield, co-founder of the Pub Theater Company. "There's this amazing mentality where you work, work, work, but then you cut loose. It's a very fun drinking culture because it's a very established drinking culture."

After debuting at Downey's, "Bye Bye Liver" relocated to Kildare's in Manayunk this week. With audience drinking games — including the infamous "Never Have I Ever" — the rowdy performance laughs with that girl who loses her shoes every time she drinks gin, not at her. "There's a lot of pride, but Philly can laugh at itself," says Hatfield. "For all of its grit, Philly gets a joke."

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The name — like the entire show — is a joke about drinking too much, not an endorsement to do so. In fact, Hatfield develops the material with the expectation that his audience is sober. "I drink and I enjoy drinking, but I also enjoy a show that can be enjoyed with a glass of water," he says.

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Five questions with Jess Conda of Brat Productions

As the curator of Brat Productions' "Rock & Awe" cabaret series, Jess Conda dabbles in a strange and wonderful world where theater, rock 'n' roll and after-hours clubs collide. The series' latest installment, "Let's Start A War," is set during a government-sponsored cocktail party where punk rock and class warfare engage in a battle royale.

The lady clearly knows how to party, so we checked in for some tips.

Say a trippy cocktail party isn't an option. Where do you go for a punk-rock fix in Philly?
The Tritone and The Khyber — oops. Those are dead music venues. Sadly, I think we need new contenders for that crown. My nominees are upstairs at Johnny Brenda's and Kung Fu Necktie.

And where are you going for cocktails?
RUBA Club Studios, the venue/production company that is a Brat season sponsor, conveniently has a bar downstairs. Perfect for an after-rehearsal cocktail. We've been drinking there all month, and that's where we'll be drinking with the audience after every show.

The show closes Saturday night. Any plans for a Sunday recovery brunch?
Do you think I can get bumped to the head of the line at Honey's on Sunday morning?

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You've got $20 and a free Saturday night: Where to?
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After a break, falling back in 'Young Love'

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Singer-songwriter Brian Seymour returns to the stage this weekend with new songs and a new outlook

▶ Brian Seymour plays the Fire Saturday night.

By day, Brian Seymour is chair of the art department at Philadelphia Community College. But over the last 17 years, he has pursued a parallel career as a confessional, hard-rocking singer-songwriter — a passion that generated three full-length albums between 2000 and 2005.

But by 2006 he had burned out on his fiery side career.

"I'm proud of those records, but they were hard on me, and they were hard on the band," he explains. "Once we were done with the final record, the band was pretty much done, too."

But now Seymour is back with "Speak to Me of Young Love," recorded over five separate trips to Los Angeles with L.A.-based producer Gregg Sar-

faty. The 12 new tracks explore darkly entangled relationships through hopeful, Springsteen-esque howls and an infusion of Philly guitarist Rich Kaufmann's crunching rhythms.

"Working with a band and a producer that were looking for me to put the songs together was a lot different than me simply writing for myself," says Seymour. "It brought out what I love about songwriting: the challenge and the problem. I was dropping a lot of artifice and allowing the songs to drive through."

This weekend Seymour will return to the Fire for the first time in a half-decade to perform most of the tracks from "Young Love." And for this homecoming he's packing the stage with a full band.

"Right now I'm trying to let the songs just be what they are, with the confidence that the band is going to pull them through," says Seymour. "And I think that's why they are some of the most sincere songs I've ever written."

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For Cloud Nothings, a different sound raining down

GEMMA HARRIS

▶ Cloud Nothings play a sold-out show at Johnny Brenda's Friday night.

Last year, Cloud Nothings was all about lo-fi fun and the whimsical musical impulses of Dylan Baldi — who recorded all of the material on his own and taught a backup band all the parts. But now Cloud Nothings are a full-on kickass band with a serious new album, "Attack on Memory."

"I was bored making the same kind of stuff over and over," says Baldi.

He says changing the band's sound was almost a challenge he posed to himself: "It's kind of nerve-wracking at first, because I changed it to something I wasn't comfortable with. … But once you kind of settle into it and realize, 'I'm happy with the record and the band is happy with the record; and if no one else is, I don't care because I've made something that I'm really proud of' you kind of get over the fact that people are going to review it."

Whether he gets over it or not, a lot have people have been reviewing the album — positively. Pitchfork gave it an 8.6 out of 10 and Rolling Stone gave it 3.5 out of five stars. "Attack on Memory" oozes with the frustrated energy of Baldi constantly railing against the possibility of life's futility.

"The whole record is sort of about what I think a lot of people my age go through," he says. "Around like 20 and 21, people just sort of think about what they're going to do with the rest of their lives."

If this is what he's going to be doing for the rest of his life, Baldi says there may be one threat to that longevity. Cloud Nothings play at thunderous volume levels.

"Our drummer is super loud, so we all have to meet his level. I'm gonna go deaf by like age 25." PAT HEALY

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Ironman Carle fueling re-energized back line

Flyers defenseman thriving in up-and-down year Trade deadline acquisitions helped blue line gel Orange and Black score easy win at Toronto, team hosts Ottawa on Saturday

The fortunes of the Flyers' defense have kept changing this season. But through it all — and there's been plenty — Matt Carle has quietly, efficiently thrived. In fact, he views everything that's happened as an aberration.

"We've been pretty fortunate because the last couple of years we'd been pretty healthy," said the 27-year-old Carle, one of just three Flyers (Scott Hartnell, Wayne Simmonds) to play in every game. "Kimmo [Timonen] played a couple hundred consecutive games before this [missing three recently with a back problem]. Between the four of us [Timonen, Andrej Meszaros, Braydon Coburn, Carle] we've been able to stay in the lineup. Around the league every team has to deal with injuries and overcome adversity. Fortunately the last couple of seasons we've been able to test our depth."

From the moment Chris Pronger went out for the season with a concussion, that depth has undergone a complete transformation. The defense held its own when rookies Marc-Andre Bourdon and Eric Gustafsson moved into the lineup, then began to flourish with the trade deadline acquisitions of Niklas Grossmann and Pavel Kubina.

Now, even with Meszaros out six to eight weeks following back surgery, the back line has never looked stronger. That's made life in goal much simpler for Ilya Bryzgalov. According to Carle, the key is communication.

"When you get new faces in the lineup you try to keep things simple," explained Carle. "Let them know what to expect. You have to get chemistry with your partner. Know how guys like to play. You have to talk before the game and on the ice."

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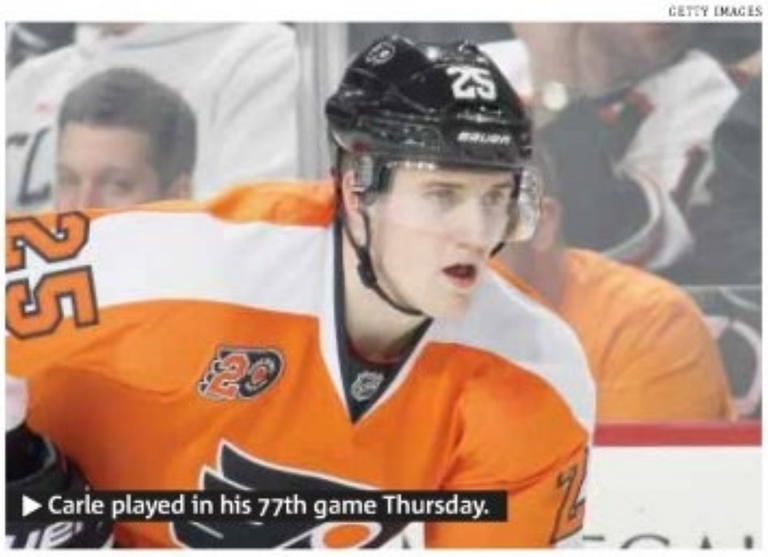

▶ Carle played in his 77th game Thursday.

Flyers 7, Leafs 1

Good guys bounce back with win after Monday's loss. Next up, Ottawa.

Brayden Schenn and Wayne Simmonds scored a pair of goals as the Flyers outshot the Leafs, 30-17. Matt Read, Jakub Voracek, Eric Wellwood all lit the lamp.

Sergei Bobrovsky, subbing in net for the injured Ilya Bryzgalov, stopped 16 of the 17 shots he faced.

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McNabb slams former coach Shanahan

Donovan McNabb isn't a fan of Mike Shanahan.

The former Redskins quarterback slammed his former head coach Thursday during an appearance on ESPN2's "First Take."

McNabb, who played for the Eagles from 1999-2010, questioned whether Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III would be a good fit for Washington. The Redskins are expected to draft Griffin after trading up to grab the No. 2 overall pick.

"I say that because a lot of times ego gets too involved when it comes to being in Washington," McNabb said. "If this doesn't work this year ... we don't see the splash, like a Cam Newton splash, this could be it [for Shanahan]."

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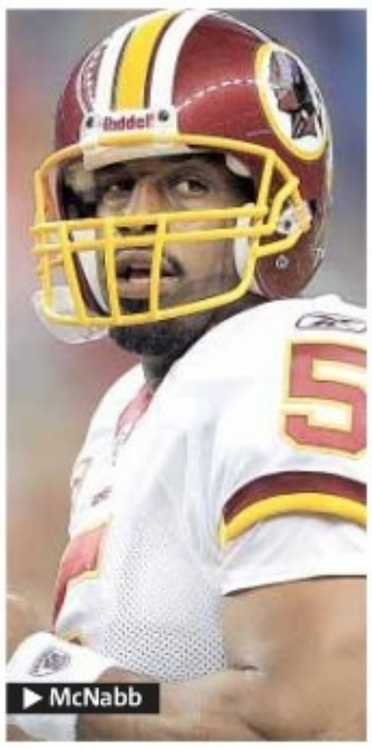
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Sandusky trial delayed three weeks

Jerry Sandusky will have to wait to get his day in court.

The child sexual abuse case against the former Penn State defensive coordinator has been pushed back three weeks due to "logisitical contingencies." Sandusky's legal team had asked for specifics regarding dates when the alleged crimes happened. Meanwhile, prosecutors filed a 21-page court document saying the case shouldn't be delayed.

Sandusky, who remains on house arrest, faces 52 counts of sexual abuse with 10 victims since 1998. There is a hearing scheduled for April 5, but the actual trial won't start until early June. METRO

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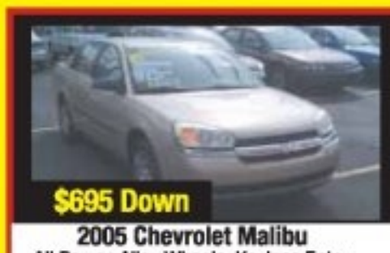
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Is Hamels signing soon?

Cole Hamels had the masses buzzing Thursday when he unintentionally leaked news about his ongoing contract negotiations.

The Phillies' left-hander agreed to a one-year, $15 million deal this past offseason to avoid arbitration. It's no secret, however, the organization wants to ink Hamels to a long-term contract. Nothing has materialized so far and the Phillies are set to leave spring training Sunday.

Is that a bad thing? Not according to Hamels.

"My only understanding is if you sign anybody before Opening Day, you have to deal with the luxury tax. So that's the only thing I know of. Anything after goes toward next season. I understand that's where the Phillies are," Hamels told reporters in Florida Thursday.

Hamels' agent, John Boggs, was in a similar situation last season with Adrian Gonzalez.

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Pierre in

- **The Phillies added Juan Pierre to the 40-man roster.** He'll make $800,000 in '12.
- Pierre had been in a battle with **Scott Podsednik for the final outfield slot.** Podsednik will most likely accept a minor-league assignment.

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▶ Hamels and the Phillies are negotiating an extension.

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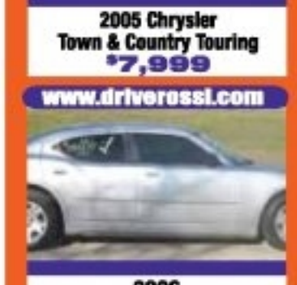
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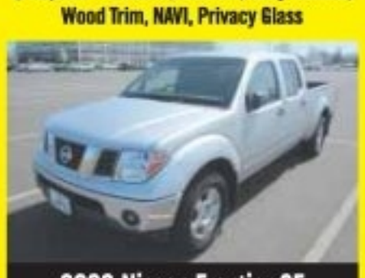
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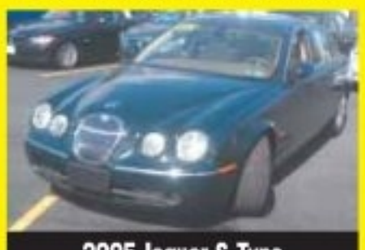
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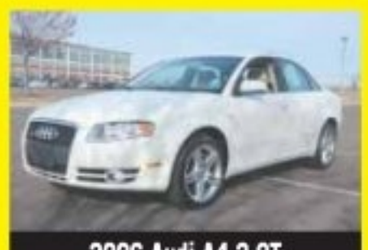
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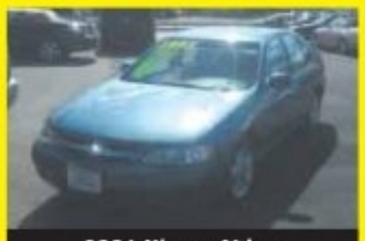
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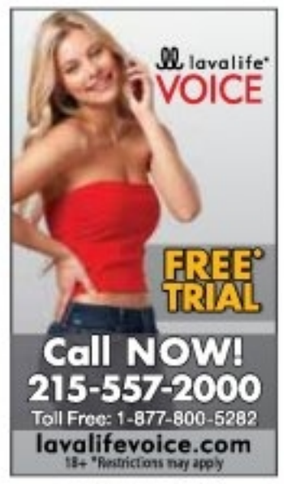

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